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1. CIRCULAR STATE TELEGRAM 147704 NOT RPT NOT SENT BEIRUT
BECAUSE OF MINIMIZE, AND IS REPEATED AS FOLLOWS.

2. BEGIN TEXT: THE SUBJECT OF AVAILABILITY AND RELATIVE
QUALITY OF LEGAL COUNSEL FOR AMERICANS ARRESTED, ON TRIAL,
OR IMPRISONED ABROAD IS BECOMING A MAJOR ISSUE IN THE
DEPARTMENT'S DEALINGS WITH THE CONGRESS, THE MEDIA AND
PARENTS GROUPS. IN ORDER FOR US TO MEET THIS ISSUE SUB-
STANTIALLY, WE URGENTLY NEED TO ACCUMULATE RELIABLE BACK-
GROUND DATA IN THIS AREA.

ALL ADDRESSEES ARE THEREFORE REQUESTED TO PROVIDE BRIEF
RESPONSES TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ON AN URGENT BASIS.
REPLIES SHOULD BE TELEGRAPHIC AND SLUGGED FOR SCS.

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A. IS LEGAL COUNSEL OF THE "PUBLIC DEFENDER" TYPE PROVIDED
GRATIS TO PRISONERS INCLUDING US NATIONALS WHO ARE UNABLE
TO FUND PRIVATE COUNSEL?

B. IS SUCH LEGAL REPRESENTATION READILY AVAILABLE?

C. IN GENERAL, HOW DOES THE QUALITY OF PUBLIC FUNDED LEGAL

ASSISTANCE COMPARED WITH THE QUALITY OF PAID, PRIVATE
COUNSEL? -END TEXT. VANCE

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